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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING NO. 196, MARCH 3, 1978
(SALT TWO - 1648)

SUMMARY: SIDES CONFIRMED THEIR AGREEMENT AS TO MEANING OF
TERMS "FLIGHT-TEST" AND "LAUNCH" AND U.S. TABLED REVISED
PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE XVI, SUBSTITUTING "LAUNCH" FOR
"FLIGHT-TEST" IN ITS TEXT. SOVIET TEXT CONTINUES TO RE-
QUIRE NOTIFICATION OF ICBM LAUNCHES WITHIN NATIONAL TER-
RITORY ONLY IF SUCH LAUNCHES MIGHT GIVE RISE TO CONCERN OF
OTHER PARTY. (SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED DFF THE RECORD THAT
THEY ARE EXPECTING NEW INSTRUCTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.)
END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET SIDE READ INTO RECORD UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN
SUBGROUP THAT OBLIGATION NOT TO FLIGHT-TEST MISSILES PRE-
CLUDES FLIGHTS FOR ANY PURPOSE, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT AND
TRAINING AND THAT TERM "LAUNCH" INCLUDES TESTING, TRAINING
AND OTHER LAUNCHES BUT NOT POP-UP TESTS. U.S. CONFIRMED
THIS UNDERSTANDING.

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2. SIDES THEN EXCHANGED PROPOSALS FOR ARTICLE XVI.
"LAUNCH" REPLACES "FLIGHT-TEST" IN U.S. TEXT. SUBSTANCE
OF SOVIET PROPOSAL CONTINUES TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF
ICBM LAUNCHES WHICH ARE NOT PLANNED TO EXTEND BEYOND
NATIONAL TERRITORY ONLY IN CASES WHEN SUCH LAUNCHES MIGHT,
IN LAUNCHING SIDE'S VIEW, BE MISINTERPRETED AND GIVE RISE
TO CONCERN OF OTHER PARTY.

3. REVISED TEXT OF U.S. PROPOSAL FOR PARA. 1 OF ARTICLE

XVI NOW READS:

"EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES, BEFORE CONDUCTING EACH ICBM LAUNCH WHICH IS PLANNED TO EXTEND BEYOND ITS NATIONAL TERRITORY, AND BEFORE CONDUCTING EACH ICBM LAUNCH WHICH IS NOT PLANNED TO EXTEND BEYOND ITS NATIONAL TERRITORY EXCEPT FOR SINGLE ICBM LAUNCHES CONDUCTED AT DESIGNATED TEST RANGES, TO NOTIFY THE OTHER PARTY WELL IN ADVANCE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS THAT SUCH A LAUNCH WILL OCCUR."

4. SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF CRUISE MISSILE RANGE AT NEXT MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 7. EARLE

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